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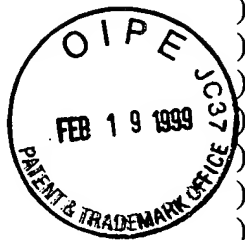
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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure embodied in 37 CFR §1.56, Applicant wishes to bring to the attention of the Examiner the following patents, publications and/or other information:

1. U.S. Patent No. 3,686,397 issued August 22, 1972 to Muller.
2. U.S. Patent No. 3,734,851 issued May 22, 1973 to Matsumura.
3. U.S. Patent No. 4,167,564 issued September 11, 1979 to Jensen.

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4. U.S. Patent No. 4,038,413 issued July 26, 1977 to Suschitzky et al.
5. U.S. Patent No. 4,581,141 issued April 8, 1986 to Ash.
6. U.S. Patent No. 4,659,697 issued April 21, 1987 to Tanaka.
7. U.S. Patent No. 4,732,889 issued March 22, 1988 to Cynshi et al.
8. U.S. Patent No. 4,810,695 issued March 7, 1989 to Conti et al.
9. U.S. Patent No. 4,834,983 issued May 30, 1989 to Hider et al.
10. U.S. Patent No. 5,028,411 issued July 2, 1991 to Callingham et al.
11. U.S. Patent No. 5,063,205 issued November 5, 1991 to Peters et al.
12. U.S. Patent No. 5,177,068 issued January 5, 1993 to Callingham et al.
13. U.S. Patent No. 5,277,820 issued January 11, 1994 to Ash.
14. U.S. Patent No. 4,970,079 issued November 13, 1990 to Hem et al.
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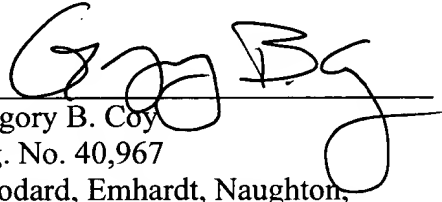
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